

# KING FOR A DAY

MARINE FAMILY TO REGROUP AT MIDWEST THEME PARK



Indianapolis, IN

**WISH #27**

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Volunteer Joe Glanton (2nd row) pictured with Traci and Justin Enochs, and sons, Hayden and Liam.

Corporal Justin Enochs joined the Marine Corps nearly 6 years ago, as a Reservist in Indianapolis. A few years later, he met his wife, Traci, and soon had two children, Hayden Alan (now 3) and Liam Paul-Herbert (now 18 mos). Five weeks premature, Liam was born critically ill, and had to remain in the hospital for the first six weeks of his life. Once healthy enough to go home, he was placed on a heart monitor and feeding tube, until the age of 4 months. Over a year later, he is on the right track, but still isn't fully developed for his age.

We heard of the Enochs family through another wish recipient, and made contact with them early this year. Faced with extensive medical bills and just one salary, Traci and Justin had been living with Traci's parents in Southport, IN for over two years. The couple wanted a place their kids "could call home", but financially, it would be a stretch.

Justin had been called up for deployment in June of 2009. The irony of the military is that with the worry and heartache of deployment, also comes a larger paycheck. As bad as that sounds, those deployed earn more money than those state-side, so Traci and Justin hoped his deployment could help with some of their financial woes. Justin deployed to Afghanistan on security detail, and was scheduled to come home in January, but days before he was supposed to leave, he was informed that he had to stay until at least March.

Unbeknownst to Justin, Traci was making arrangements for a new home for the family to share. She agreed to a rent-to-buy scenario, and by the time Justin arrived safely home in April, family and friends had helped furnish the home.

## THE WISH

Originally when we spoke with Traci, we hoped to raise money to help decorate or furnish their home. Once we learned that had been taken care of, we started doing a little digging to see how we might be able to bring this family together. The transition home was difficult for Justin, and we wanted to give the family an opportunity to get reacquainted - away from the routine and stresses of daily life.

Wish For Our Heroes arranged to send the family to Kings Island, the largest theme park in the Midwest. The wish includes overnight accommodations, and a \$100 gas card for their travels. The trip should fall near Traci and Justin's wedding anniversary, and all-in-all will be a great get-away for the family.

CONGRATULATIONS ENOCHS FAMILY!!



Liam in hospital



Justin's homecoming

